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#### METHOD FOR EQUITABLE RESOURCE SHARING BETWEEN LOCAL AND NETWORK FILESYSTEMS

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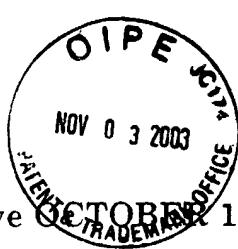
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|--|---------|---------|---|
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| Independent claims in excess of three                  | \$84    | \$86    |   |
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